

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A universal power cable removably connectable to a mating device and a peripheral device, comprising:

a cable comprising a plurality of pairs of conducting wires and having a first end and a second end, wherein each one of said plurality of pairs of conducting wires corresponds to a one of a plurality of voltages supplied by a mating device connector;

a first cable end connected to said first end and comprising a plurality of first end receptacles, each one of said plurality of first end receptacles corresponding to and coupled to one of said plurality of pairs of conducting wires, said first cable end adapted to couple to the power supply mating device connector; and

a second cable end connected to said second end and comprising a plurality of second end receptacles, each one of said plurality of second end receptacles corresponding to and coupled to one of said plurality of pairs of conducting wires, said second cable end adapted to couple to the peripheral mating device connector; and

said peripheral device mating device connector selectively couples said second end

receptacles to the peripheral device.

14. (Original) The cable of claim 13, further comprising a first connector alignment pin in said first cable end and a second connector alignment pin in said second cable end, whereby said first cable end and said second cable end can mate in a single orientation.

15. (Original) The cable of claim 13, wherein said first cable end has a first shape and said second cable end has a second shape complementary to said first shape, wherein said first cable end and said second cable end can mate in a single orientation.

16-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) A power distribution apparatus for supplying power to at least one peripheral device, comprising:

~~a plug adapted to receive an AC power supply;~~

~~at least one AC power receptacle coupled to said plug;~~

a power conditioner coupled to an ~~said plug to convert said~~ AC power supply for  
converting said AC power supply to a DC power supply and ~~to~~ for ~~regulate~~ regulating  
said DC power supply to a plurality of DC voltages;

a power supply mating device connector comprising a plurality of DC power receptacles coupled to said DC power supply, each one of said plurality of DC power receptacles being in circuit with and corresponding to a one of said plurality of DC voltages; and

a power cable removably connectable to said power supply mating device connector and a peripheral device, comprising

~~a cable comprising a plurality of pairs of conducting wires and having a first end and a second end, wherein said plurality of pairs of conducting wires correspond to said plurality of DC voltages,~~

a first cable end comprising ~~connected to said first end and comprising~~ a plurality of receptacles, each one of said plurality of first end receptacles in circuit with a one of a ~~corresponding to and coupled to~~ said plurality of pairs of conducting wires, said first cable end adapted to couple to said power supply mating device connector; and

a second cable end comprising a plurality of second end receptacles, each of said plurality of second end receptacles couple to a one of ~~connected to said second end and comprising a plurality of receptacles corresponding to and coupled to~~ said plurality of pairs of conducting wires, said second cable end adapted to couple to fit a peripheral device mating device connector, wherein said peripheral

device mating device connector selectively couples said plurality of second end receptacles to the peripheral device.

35. (Original) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein at least one of said plurality of DC power receptacles is adapted to a first polarity and at least one of said plurality of DC power receptacles is adapted to a second polarity.
36. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 34, further comprising a connector alignment pin in said power supply mating device connector and a connector alignment pin in said first cable end, wherein said first cable end aligns with said power supply mating device connector.
37. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein said power supply mating device connector has a first alignment shape and said first cable end has a second alignment shape complementary to said first alignment shape, wherein said first cable end aligns in said power supply mating device connector.
38. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 34 52 wherein said AC power supply is at a first voltage and said power conditioner further produces AC power at a second voltage, and said apparatus further comprises at least one lower-voltage AC power receptacle coupled to said power conditioner.
39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein said power supply mating

device connector further comprises at least one of said at least one lower-voltage AC power receptacle and said power cable further comprises at least one pair of AC conducting wires coupled ~~corresponding~~ to said at least one of said at least one lower-voltage AC power receptacle, said first cable end further comprises a receptacle ~~corresponding to and~~ coupled to said at least one pair of AC conducting wires, and said second cable end further comprises a receptacle ~~corresponding to and~~ coupled to said at least one pair of conducting wires.

40-51. (Canceled)

52. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, further comprising at least one AC power receptacle coupled to said AC power supply.

53. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein said AC power supply is an interruptible power supply.

54. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein said AC power supply is supplied from a computer.